

In the Claims:

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A gaming device comprising:
a cabinet;
a support connected to the cabinet; and
a combined container-item holder connected to the support, wherein said combined container-item holder includes a container holder having a bottom surface and an item holder connected to the container holder, and wherein said item holder includes means for enabling a player to securely and removably connect an item to the item holder, said item holder projecting from the bottom surface of the container holder.

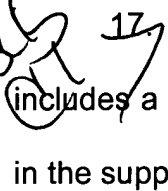
Please amend Claim 13 as follows:

13. (Amended) A combined container-item holder for a gaming device including a cabinet and a support connected to the cabinet, said combined container-item holder comprising:
a container holding portion adapted to be mounted to the support, said container holding portion including a base defining a bottom surface and a body extending from the base, wherein said base and body define a chamber for receiving and holding a container, and wherein the base defines at least one opening to enable fluid to drain from the chamber; and
an item holding portion connected to the container holding portion, said item holding portion including a securing member adapted to securely and removably hold an item of a player, said item holding portion projecting from the bottom surface of the container holding portion.


Please cancel Claim 15 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please cancel Claim 16 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend Claim 17 as follows:

 17. (Amended) The container-item holder of Claim 13, wherein the body includes a flange which has a circumference greater than a circumference of a channel in the support adapted to receive the body.

Please amend Claim 22 as follows:

 22. (Amended) A gaming device comprising:
a cabinet; and
a support connected to the cabinet which defines at least one channel within the support which is adapted to receive a combined container-item holder, wherein said combined container-item holder includes a container holder having a bottom surface and an item holder connected to the container holder, wherein said item holder includes a securing member adapted to securely and removably hold an item of a player, said item holder projecting from the bottom surface of the container holder.

Please add New Claim 26 as follows:

26. (Newly Added) A gaming device comprising:

a cabinet;

a support connected to the cabinet; and

a combined container-item holder connected to the support, said combined container-item holder including a container holder and an item holder connected to the container holder, wherein the container holder includes a base defining a bottom surface and a body connected to the base, said base defining at least one opening which enables fluid to drain through the base, said item holder projecting from the bottom surface of the container holder.

Please add New Claim 27 as follows:

27. (Newly Added) The gaming device of Claim 26, wherein the support includes a bolster.

Please add New Claim 28 as follows:

28. (Newly Added) The gaming device of Claim 27, wherein the bolster includes a substantially vertically extending channel adapted to receive the container-item holder.

Please add New Claim 29 as follows:

29. (Newly Added) The gaming device of Claim 26, wherein the item holder is rotatably connected to the container holder.

[Please add New Claim 30 as follows:]

30. (Newly Added) The gaming device of Claim 26, wherein the container holder includes a body and a flange connected to the body, wherein the flange has a circumference greater than a circumference of a channel in the support adapted to receive the container holder.

[Please add New Claim 31 as follows:]

31. (Newly Added) The gaming device of Claim 26, wherein the item holder includes a hook.

[Please add New Claim 32 as follows:]

32. (Newly Added) The gaming device of Claim 26, wherein the item holder includes a connecting portion connected to the base and a securing portion connected to the connecting portion.

[Please add New Claim 33 as follows:]

33. (Newly Added) The gaming device of Claim 33, wherein the connecting portion is rotatably connected to the base.

[Please add New Claim 34 as follows:]

34. (Newly Added) The gaming device of Claim 26, wherein the item holder includes a connecting portion and a securing portion connected to the connecting portion.

[Please add New Claim 35 as follows:]

35. (Newly Added) The gaming device of Claim 35, wherein the securing portion includes means for inhibiting an item from being easily removed from the item holder.

[Please add New Claim 36 as follows:]

36. (Newly Added) A combined container-item holder for a gaming device including a cabinet and a support connected to the cabinet, said combined container-item holder comprising:

a container holding portion adapted to be mounted to the support, said container holding portion including a base defining a bottom surface, a body extending from the base, wherein said base and body define a chamber for receiving and holding a container, and wherein the body includes a flange which has a circumference greater than a circumference of a channel in the support adapted to receive the body; and

an item holding portion connected to the container holding portion, said item holding portion including a securing member which is adapted to securely and removably hold an item of a player, said item holding portion projecting from the bottom surface of the container holding portion.

[Please add New Claim 37 as follows:]

37. (Newly Added) The container-item holder of Claim 36, wherein the item holding portion is rotatably connected to the container holding portion.

[Please add New Claim 38 as follows:]

38. (Newly Added) The container-item holder of Claim 36, wherein the base defines at least one opening which enables fluid to drain from the chamber.

[Please add New Claim 39 as follows:]

39. (Newly Added) The container-item holder of Claim 36, wherein the item holding portion includes a connecting member connected to the container holding portion and connected to the securing member.

[Please add New Claim 40 as follows:]

40. (Newly Added) The container-item holder of Claim 39, wherein the connecting member is rotatably connected to the container holding member.

[Please add New Claim 41 as follows:]

41. (Newly Added) A gaming device comprising:
a cabinet;
a support connected to the cabinet; and
a combined container-item holder connected to the support, said combined container-item holder including a container holder having a bottom surface and an item holder connected to the container holder, said item holder projecting from the bottom surface of the container holder, wherein the container holder includes a body and a flange connected to the body, and wherein the flange has a circumference greater than a circumference of a channel in the support adapted to receive the container holder.

[Please add New Claim 42 as follows:]

42. (Newly Added) A combined container-item holder for a gaming device comprising:

a container holding portion adapted to be mounted to a support, said container holding portion including a base defining a bottom surface and a body extending from the base, wherein said base and body define a chamber for receiving and holding a container; and

an item holding portion connected to the container holding portion, said item holding portion including a securing member adapted to securely and removably hold an item of a player, said item holding portion projecting from the bottom surface of the container holding portion.

[Please add New Claim 43 as follows:]

43. (Newly Added) The container-item holder of Claim 42, wherein the item holding portion is rotatably connected to the container holding portion.

[Please add New Claim 44 as follows:]

44. (Newly Added) The container-item holder of the Claim 42, wherein the container holding portion includes a base, a body extending from the base, said base and body defining a chamber for receiving and holding a container.

[Please add New Claim 45 as follows:]

45. (Newly Added) The container-item holder of Claim 44, wherein the base defines at least one opening which enables fluid to drain from the chamber.

[Please add New Claim 46 as follows:]

46. (Newly Added) The container-item holder of Claim 44, wherein the body includes a flange which has a circumference greater than a circumference of a channel in the support adapted to receive the body.

[Please add New Claim 47 as follows:]

47. (Newly Added) The container-item holder of Claim 42, wherein the item holding portion includes a connecting member connected to the container holding portion and connected to the securing member.

[Please add New Claim 48 as follows:]

48. (Newly Added) The container-item holder of Claim 47, wherein the connecting member is rotatably connected to the container holding member.

 [Please add New Claim 49 as follows:]

49. (Newly Added) A combined container-item holder for a gaming device comprising:

a container holding portion adapted to be mounted to a support, said container holding portion including a base defining a bottom surface and a body extending from the base, wherein said base and body define a chamber for receiving and holding a container; and

an item holding portion rotatably connected to the container holding portion, said item holding portion including a securing member adapted to securely and removably hold an item of a player, said item holding portion projecting from the bottom surface of the container holding portion.

[Please add New Claim 50 as follows:]

50. (Newly Added) A combined container-item holder for a gaming device comprising:

a container holding portion adapted to be mounted to a support, said container holding portion including a base defining a bottom surface and a body extending from the base, wherein said base and body define a chamber for receiving and holding a container; and

an item holding portion fixedly connected to the container holding portion, said item holding portion including a securing member adapted to securely and removably hold an item of a player, said item holding portion projecting from the bottom surface of the container holding portion.

[Please add New Claim 51 as follows:]

51. (Newly Added) A gaming device comprising:

a cabinet;

a support connected to the cabinet; and

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a combined container-item holder connected to the support, wherein said combined container-item holder includes a container holding portion and an item holding portion, said container holding portion including a base defining a bottom surface and a body extending from the base, wherein said base and body define a chamber for receiving and holding a container, and wherein the body includes a flange which has a circumference greater than a circumference of a channel in the support adapted to receive the body, said item holding portion connected to the container holding portion and including a securing member for securely and removably holding an item of a player, said item holding portion projecting from the bottom surface of the container holding portion.

[Please add New Claim 52 as follows:]

52. (Newly Added) A gaming device comprising:

a cabinet;

a support connected to the cabinet; and

a combined container-item holder connected to the support, wherein said combined container-item holder includes a container holder having a bottom surface and an item holder connected to the container holder, and wherein said item holder includes a connecting portion for connecting said item holder to said container holder and a securing portion adapted to securely and removably hold an item of a player, said item holder projecting from the bottom surface of the container holder.

[Please add New Claim 53 as follows:]

53. (Newly Added) A combined container-item holder for a gaming device including a cabinet and a support connected to the cabinet, said combined container-item holder comprising:

a container holding portion having a bottom surface adapted to be mounted to the support; and

an item holding portion connected to the container holding portion, said item holding portion including a connecting member for connecting the item holding portion to the container holding portion and a securing member adapted to securely and removably hold an item of a player, said item holding portion projecting from the bottom surface of the container holding portion.